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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 24 May 1955

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
*Presiding

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell *Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence, Department of State

Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army

Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy

Major General Millard Lewis, acting for Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force

Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff

Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission Representative to the IAC

Mr. M. W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. Howard Furnas, Department of State
Mr. R. K. Stuart, Department of State
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman, Department of the Army
Captain Bruce E. Wiggin, Department of the Navy
Colonel Willis B. Sawyer, United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr., United States Air Force
Mr. Benjamin B. Weems, United States Air Force
Captain Poyntell C. Staley, Jr., USN, The Joint Staff
Colonel Robert Totten, USAF, The Joint Staff
Lieutenant Colonel James M. Norwood, USAF, The Joint Staff

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Approval of Minutes
a. 17 May 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-196)

Approved as written.

b. 19 May 1955 Meeting (IAC-M-197)

Approved as written.

2. Request for Estimate from ICIS

- a. The Chairman read a letter, dated 17 May 1955, from the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, copies of which were later circulated to the members, requesting that an estimate be prepared on "the probability that an attempt will be made by the USSR to effect the clandestine introduction into the US of nuclear weapons or their nuclear components by means of entries and shipments covered by diplomatic immunity before an all out attack on this country by nuclear weapons delivered either by aircraft or missiles." The request stated that there "should be an estimate of current probabilities as well as an estimate of probabilities based upon anticipated changes in USSR capabilities over the next several years." The estimate is desired by the ICIS within one month.
- <u>b</u>. It was agreed to undertake this special estimate and a representatives meeting, at which oral contributions will be made, was called for 1400, 27 May.
- c. The AEC member stated that his agency could undertake to provide a presentation in connection with the preparation of the estimate.
- 3. Watch Committee Report No. 250

Noted.

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4. Communist Prospects in Malaya and British Borneo (NIE 64-55)

Approved as amended subject to footnotes by the Joint Staff member to certain paragraphs.

- 5. IAC Participation in the Dispersal Exercise on 15, 16, 17 June
- a. Chairman of the ad hoc committee set up to consider this matter (IAC-M-197), reported that only the State and CIA representatives to the committee believed that the IAC members or their deputies should be assembled during the projected exercise. The others did not believe that the IAC would be called upon to function during the first three days of an emergency and that, therefore, the exercise was unrealistic. They were all in agreement that, if an actual emergency arose during this exercise, the IAC should convene and provisions should be made therefor.
- b. The members agreed that, in the event of an emergency arising during the exercise, the IAC should be convened in Washington.
- c. There ensued a discussion of the proper function of the IAC in a real emergency and of the nature of its participation, if any, in the proposed exercise. A majority of the members did not believe that the IAC should participate in the planned exercise. A majority, however, favored such participation if the NSC plans to take part. The Chairman noted that the DCI may consider that he must proceed with IAC participation, inviting the members to attend, whether the NSC takes part or not.
- d. The matter was then referred to the ad hoc committee for detailed planning on the assumption that the IAC will participate in the drill.

Adjournment:	1215				
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Secretary's Note

- 1. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release NIE 64-55, title as above, to USIA.
- 2. Objection having been raised by a member, NIE 11-7-55 "Soviet Gross Capabilities for Attacks on the US and Key Overseas Installations through Mid-1958" will not be released to USIA. (IAC-M-196)
- 3. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized the release to USIA of NIE 11-3-55 "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action through Mid-1960"; NIE 31/1-55 "Yugoslavia and Its Future Orientation"; and NIE 11-8-55 "The Implications of the Austrian Treaty for the Policies of the USSR and Other States." (IAC-M-196 and IAC-M-197)
- 4. The Secretary has received the names of all the members' appointees to the three ad hoc committees set up at the 19 May meeting of the IAC and has communicated them to the respective committee chairmen. The Secretary has also invited the Director, NSA, to appoint a member to the Ad Hoc Committee on Information Processing.